

Dear FCC,I am in agreement with the petition RM-10621, in which AMSAT-NA has asked the FCC to drop its presently required 27-month pre-space notification to the FCC's international branch for Amateur Satellite launches and substitute a pre-space notification within 30 days of a launch commitment.

I am also asking that the wording of the document concerning what is considered an amateur satellite. If I as an amateur radio operator who wants to use a CW identifier as a beacon locator in an amateur rocket that reaches into the defined area of space just for a few minutes or seconds, I/we should not have to apply for a pre-space notification 27 months in advance. The wording should be changed to "orbital" operations not just space operations.

As a teacher in electronics at the high school level I also find the 27 month period of time exorbitant for a non orbital space attempt. Many students who enter into career exploration wait until their junior or senior year of high school to do so. Those students who happen to become a part of an amateur rocket project may well graduate before they have the opportunity participate in another project. This could cause them to lose interest in the pursuit of a career in avionics and space. A 30 day before/after event filing for non orbital operations of an emitter or no filing for non orbital operations would be acceptable. I urge haste in the adoption of AMSAT's request and a change in the wording now on file concerning amateur radio emitters in space operations.

Respectfully yours

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